WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Review of Trade Agreements

† 2349. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee on Trade and Economic Relation has reviewed different trade agreements in its meeting held recently;

(b) if so, the decisions taken in the review meeting;

(c) whether decision to formulate a job oriented policy was also taken in the meeting; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Trade and Economic Relations Committee (TERC) headed by the Prime Minister met in the month of June, 2005 where a presentation on "India's engagement in Regional Trading Arrangements" was made by Department of Commerce. The following decisions were taken by the TERC in respect of Regional Trade Agreements:—

With regard to Preferential Trade Agreements/Free Trade Agreements/ Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreements, the progress of ongoing negotiations to be periodically reported to the TERC for its guidance.

Prepare discussions papers for enhancement of level of economic engagement for South-Asia, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical & Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Export of medicines

2350. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total export of pharmaceuticals to foreign countries during the last one year;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.